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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW BUILDING SITE

REF: PARIS 37380

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO CONSULT WITH THE CONGRESS BEFORE ANY USG FUNDS ARE COMMITTED FOR PROPERTY/ BUILDINGS FOR ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. WE NEED TO DO SO BEFORE GIVING OECD SECRETARIAT "GREEN LIGHT" TO NEGOTIATE WITH SAUDIS.

2. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO:

-- HOW ESTIMATED FF 25 MILLION ACQUISITION COSTS WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUNDED (MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS OVER ONE OR MORE YEARS OR ARE THERE OTHER POSSIBILITIES?);

-- SIZE OF SAUDI SITE AND COMPARISON WITH PRESENT PROPERTY;

-- SIZE AND TYPE OF BUILDING ENVISAGED ON SAUDI SUTE;

-- WHEN CONSTRUCTION ON SAUDI SITE MIGHT COMMENCE;

-- DISTANCES OF PRESENT ANNEXES FROM MAIN BUILDINGS AND  
RELATED TRAVEL TIMES;

-- PROBABLE COST OF NEW BUILDING (INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF  
EXISTING STRUCTURE ON THE PROPERTY) AND HOW FINANCED; AND

-- PRESENT MARKET VALUE OF SAUDI SITE.

3. IN CONSULTING WITH THE CONGRESS, WE MUST BE ABLE TO  
SHOW THAT PURCHASE OF SAUDI SITE ADJACENT TO PRESENT OECD  
BUILDINGS AND SUBSEQUENT CONSTRUCTION OF OECD OFFICE  
BUILDING THERE IS, ALL FACTORS CONSIDERED, MOST COST EF-  
FECTIVE SOLUTION TO OECD'S PRESENT PROBLEM OF SECRETARIAT  
BEING LOCATED IN SEVERAL SEPARATED ANNEXES. PLEASE EVALU-  
ATE OTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, SUCH AS CONTINUATION OF  
PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, LONG-TERM LEASE AT LESS CENTRALLY  
LOCATED SITE OF SUFFICIENT SPACE FOR ALL OECD ACTIVITIES  
(WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE OFFSETTING INCOME FROM SALE/LEASE/  
RENTAL OF PRESENT BUILDINGS), AND SHIFT OF MISSIONS FROM  
PRESENT LOCATION IN "NEW" BUILDINGS TO OTHER QUARTERS.

4. GIVEN NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND FACT THAT  
CONGRESS NOT IN SESSION, IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RE-  
SPOND BEFORE JANUARY 10. VANCE  
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